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REFERENCE FOR NIE ON:

"SPAIN'S POSITION IN THE EAST-WEST CONFLICT"

THE PROBLEM

To prepare an estimate of the strategic position and importance of Spain in the East-West conflict.

Questions Bearing on the Problem

I. Political Factors.

A. Internal Position. Present a brief discussion of the current and future stability of the Franco Government; and the possibilities for the adoption of measures that might increase the popular basis of the government.

B. International Position. Include a general discussion of the foreign policy of the Franco Government; of the role of Spain in the world anti-Communist front; and of Franco's foreign relations.

II. Economic Factors.

Discussion should cover the current economic situation with special emphasis on industries and facilities which affect over-all military potential, such as transportation, communications, armaments production, and agriculture.

III. Military Factors.

Include a discussion of the military importance of Spain to the US and the Western Powers with particular reference to the defense of Western Europe and the Mediterranean; military value of ports and

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naval bases, airfields and radar sites, etc.; strength, disposition, state of training, weapons and equipment, and logistic support of the Spanish Armed Forces.

Conclusion

State the strategic position and importance of Spain's alignment in the East-West conflict derived from the data included in the discussion under political, economic, and military factors.

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